GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open residential schools in remote areas for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and minority classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent for the purpose by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) The Government of India has launched the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme in July 2004, for setting up residential schools at upper primary level predominantly for girls belonging to the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) where the female rural literacy is below the national average and the gender gap in literacy is more than the national average. In particular, areas with concentration of tribal population, SC, OBC and minority populations, or areas with a large number of small scattered habitations that do not otherwise qualify for an upper primary school, are being covered.

The scheme provides for a minimum reservation of 75% of the enrolment in these residential schools for girls from SC, ST, OBC or minority communities and 25% for girls from families below the poverty line.

A provision of Rs. 489 crore has been made for the Scheme during Tenth Plan period.